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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON SOCIAL WELFARE,
JERUSALEM AND TEL AVIV, US PARTICIPATION

1. HEW/HDS ADVISES THAT INTERESTED GOVERNMENT AND NONGOV-
ERNMENT AGENCIES IN THE US ARE PARTICIPATING IN PLANS FOR
THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL
WELFARE AND RELATED MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN JERUSALEM AND
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TEL AVIV, AUGUST 12-28.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, H-H,
ARABELLA MARTINEZ, HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE
ICSW PLENARY THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, ON "HUMAN RELATIONS--
INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY." ETA TEL AVIV TUESDAY,
AUGUST 22 AT 1645 VIA TW-846. ETD TEL AVIV SATURDAY,
AUGUST 26 AT 0605 VIA TW-847.

3. NAMES OF OTHER USG OFFICIALS PARTICIPATING WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS TRAVEL PLANS ARE FIRM. IN ADDITION TO USG OFFICIALS WHO WILL ATTEND, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS FROM STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC AND VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE US WILL TAKE PART IN THE CONFERENCE. A LIST OF THESE PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: PROGRAM OF THIS CONFERENCE IS CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOCIAL PROGRAMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THE ICSW HAS CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE UN. THE FINDINGS OF UN STUDIES ARE WIDELY USED IN CONFERENCE DELIBERATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT WILL APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE, AS APPROPRIATE, TO THE ISRAELI ORGANIZING COMMITTEE TO HELP ASSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE.

THE ICSW HAS HAD THE ACTIVE COOPERATION OF US SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT. OFFICIALS OF THE OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT SERVICES(HDS)/HEW ARE MEMBERS OF THE US COMMITTEE OF THE ICSW, THE GROUP WHICH REPRESENTS THE UNITED STATES IN THE ICSW. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT MORE THAN SIXTY COUNTRIES WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCES IN JERUSALEM AND TEL AVIV.
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THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE IS "HUMAN WELL-BEING--CHALLENGE FOR THE 80S' SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL ACTION." MANY OF THE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING WILL HAVE AN EXHIBIT. THE US NATIONAL COMMITTEE IS CONSULTING WITH INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY ABOUT AN EXHIBIT DIRECTED TOWARD ILLUSTRATING SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. BOTH GOVERNMENTAL AND VOLUNTARY IN THE US.

THE 19TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK IS MEETING IN JERUSALEM, AUGUST 14-16, JUST PRIOR TO THE ICSW CONFERENCE. THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS SYMPOSIUM WILL BE HELD AUGUST 12-20 IN TEL AVIV, ATTRACTING REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS FROM ALL REGIONS.

THROUGH THE SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM, THE HDS HAS HAD A LONG AND CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK AND REHABILITATION SPECIALISTS IN ISRAEL. AN EXTENSIVE INTERCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAS FURTHER CONTRIBUTED TO BROADER PROFESSIONAL COOPERATIVE IN RESEARCH AND TRAINING. IT IS EXPECTED THAT HDS AND OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INTERESTED TO VISIT SELECTED PROJECTS.

4. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO (A) CONFIRM RESERVATION HILTON HOTEL FOR AUGUST 22-26 FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MARTINEZ; (B) MEET ON ARRIVAL; (C) ADVISE DESIGNATED EMBASSY OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISON ON CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS, AND (D) ADVISE NAMES OF EMBASSY OFFICIALS PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCE SESSIONS. CABLE ACTION TAKEN.

5. EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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